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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OAS NU VE GT
SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFM ON NICARAGUA

REF: STATE 227414

1. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER UNAVAILABLE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 8),
POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF AND I WERE RECEIVED BY DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER ALONSO THIS MORNING AND CARRIED OUT
REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS.

2. ALONSO APPEARED TO ACCEPT UTILITY OF FURTHER ONE-
WEEK POSTPONEMENT OF OAS VOTE IN LIGHT OF CENTRAL
AMERICAN CONSULTATIONS AND ASSURED ME HE WOULD CONVEY
OUR REQUEST TO FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HOWEVER, HE WAS VERY CIRCUMSPECT ABOUT HOW GOG WOULD
VOTE IF MFM CONVOCAION QUESTION CAME TO A HEAD. HIS
EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF OAS CHARTER ARTICLE 18 ON
NON-INTERVENTION LEFT IMPRESSION THAT GOG IS DISTINCTLY

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UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE.

3. ALONSO WAS SIMILARLY GUARDED ABOUT UPSHOT OF COSTA
RICAN FONMIN CALDERON'S CALLS YESTERDAY ON PRESIDENT
LUCAS AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE
ON NICARAGUA. HE SAID MERELY THAT GOG WAS STUDYING
SITUATION, WHICH WAS BOTH DELICATE AND COMPLEX, VERY

CAREFULLY.

4. COMMENT. ALONSO'S RETICENCE MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO BELIEF HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR GOVERNMENT ON THIS QUESTION. WE SENSE, NEVERTHELESS, THAT HE IS ACCURATELY REFLECTING A RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF THE GOG TO APPEAR TO BE PROMOTING MEASURES WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS VIOLATION OF SEMI-SACRED NON-INTERVENTION DOCTRINE. PRESS COMMENTARY AND OPINIONS OF PUBLIC FIGURES (SEPTEL) SEEM TO BE RUNNING RATHER STRONGLY AGAINST OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT IN NICARAGUA.
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